Office of the Director
State Quarantine Officer

Nevada Department of Agriculture

ORDER 02182025-A

To: Nevada Consumers, Retailers, Restaurants, Resorts
From: Dr. J.J. Goicoechea, DVM
Date: February 20th, 2025
Subject: Cage Free Egg Law Suspension

Whereas the State Quarantine Officer, under authority of NRS 554.160, must exercise all necessary authority required for the proper and efficient enforcement of a quarantine and whereas AB 171 was passed by the Nevada Legislature on February 12, 2025 and signed into law by Governor Lombardo on February 13, 2025, it is hereby ordered, that certain provisions of NRS 583.110 to 583.251 are temporarily suspended for 120 consecutive days, initiating on the date of this order of February 20th, 2025.

This Order allows for a business owner or operator or consumer to source shell eggs and egg products that have originated from any farm (as defined in NRS 583.217), including those with or without cage-free housing systems, and systems defined with NRS 583.237.

"Fresh eggs," "ranch eggs" and "farm eggs" need only meet the minimum quality grade B standards in NAC 583.141 to be offered for sale for up to 120 days from the date of this order, or until the order is rescinded with 14 days' notice, which may occur earlier than 120 days.

Furthermore, requirements under NRS 583.245 which reads, ***Business owners and operators: Prohibition on engaging in certain acts; requirement to obtain, retain and provide copies of certain certificates; reliance in good faith is defense,*** are waived for 120 days from the date of this order or until the order is rescinded. This Order also authorizes a Nevada farm owner or operator of a small egg flock as defined in NRS 583.235, to produce, sell or transport eggs and egg products to a farmers' market or coop in Nevada with a valid producer certificate (NRS 576.128). Furthermore, the requirement to obtain an endorsement from the Nevada Department of Agriculture pursuant to NRS 583.239 is waived for 120 days from the date of this order or until the order is rescinded.

No provisions under NRS 583.140 and 583.150 inclusive are waived under this order and all other existing safety standards remain in full effect.

State Quarantine Officer

2-18-2025
Date